IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

TUESDAY, THE 7TH AUGUST 2007 / 16TH SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 20468 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

A.MUHAMMED KUNJU, S/O.AHAMMED MUSLIYAR,
CHARUVILAKATHU VEEDU, KURAKKODU,
NEDUMANGADU P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI.SREEVALSAM GOPALAKRISHNAN

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE DIRECTOR OF PRINTING,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
GOVT.SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 07/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.
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W.P.(C) NO. 20468 OF 2007
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Dated this the 7th day of August, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Ext.P1 is a vacancy notification issued by the first respondent for filling up the post of Examiner. The complaint of the petitioner is that though he has responded to Ext.P1, the respondents has not taken any further action for recruiting persons on regular basis. According to him, such delay is deliberate and the respondents are continuing to engage ineligible persons on daily wages basis. It is on these allegations that this writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to appoint the petitioner as Examiner in Government Stamp Manufactory, as per rules.

2. Learned Government Pleader on instructions submits that in terms of Ext.P2 Recruitment Rules, vacancy has been notified as per Ext.P1, and that applications have

been received from several candidates including from the petitioner. According to him, further action is being initiated and that they are awaiting certain clarifications, that have been sought from the 2nd respondent.

3. It is to be noted that Ext.P1 was issued as early as in March 2007 and that eligible candidates have responded to the notification. There is no justification for inordinately delaying recruitment, and at the same time carrying out work by engaging employees on daily wages. Now that steps are being taken for regular recruitment, there is also no justification in the petitioner's prayer that he should be ordered to be appointed. In view of this, it is only appropriate that the first respondent completes the proceedings pursuant to Ext.P1, as expeditiously as possible.

4. Accordingly, it is ordered that further action on Ext.P1 shall be continued and concluded within a period of

three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Petitioner is directed to produce a copy of this judgment before the first respondent for compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE.

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